

WNTC Broadcasts Resumed Thursday

Campus Station WNTC, 640 on the dial, returned to an active status last Thursday morning as their "Your Morning Request" program returned to the air. This program will continue throughout the year, at its scheduled time 7:30 to 9:30 A. M., Monday through Friday. In addition, this show will be presented each Saturday morning from 7:30 until 12 noon.

It was also announced by Charles Mueller, Programming Chairman, that a new program, "Ten Till When," will begin tonight, and will be carried as a regular station feature. The program will start at 10 P. M. and will continue as far into the night as request numbers are received from the listening audience. To request a record, dial the station at 2770.

Future of WNTC Depends On FCC

The future of WNTC will depend upon the decision forthcoming from the Federal Communications Commission. Here, to the best of the knowledge of the station personnel, is the complete story. This article is being printed in the Integrator in order to clear up the misunderstanding prevalent on the campus due to the circulation of numerous rumors.

College sponsored carrier current radio stations, into which category WNTC falls, were, at their inception, allowed to function without any strict supervision from the FCC. Certain parts of the program code had to be adhered to; but the scrutiny to which standard broadcast stations were subjected was entirely missing. This condition of existing laxity was called to the attention of the FCC, in all probability by groups who would suffer from the amount of national and local advertising that could be secured by the stations individually and as a network, that network, in general, being the Inter-collegiate Broadcasting System. WNTC is a trial member of this organization and has in the past received advertising which originated on a national level.

The FCC, upon receipt of this information, would have taken the easiest course open to them. They would have said simply that all collegiate carrier current stations would be placed in a status corresponding to that of the standard stations. This would have been equivalent to hanging a padlock on the door of WNTC. Standard broadcast rules require standard equipment and the full time services of a licensed broadcast engi-

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neer. Obviously WNTC could never afford such a set-up since operation of that sort runs into thousands of dollars as an initial investment and goodly sums thereafter.

To prevent such a ruling, IBS requested a hearing, at which time, they could present their case to the FCC. IBS was seeking a special ruling which would pertain to the college type station, and to which those stations would be required to adhere.

A ruling may be handed down in favor of the campus stations. However, if this is the case, there is still the possibility that these rulings may be designed to keep the range of the broadcasts within the limits of the school campus. Since there is no campus as such within the region of the main buildings in either school, WNTC may be one of the few stations adversely affected by a ruling which would allow the vast majority of other stations to continue active operation.

There remains only low power FM broadcasting which could be carried out. This type of broadcasting is non-commercial in nature and all subsistence would have